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23 MS. LAWTON: Good evening, ladies and

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24 gentlemen. My name is Lyn Lawton. I'm from Esmeralda

25 County, Nevada. I'm a rural Nevadan. I have lived

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1 there for 28 years. Based upon review of the PSSE, the

2 Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation, the viability

3 assessment and other technical documents, it is clear

4 the DOE intends to move forward with recommending Yucca

5 Mountain. But Esmeralda County has actively

6 participated in the oversight process. We do not have

7 the capability to independently determine if the site

8 is suitable. Instead, we must rely on DOE and credible

9 third party scientific organizations such as the

10 National Academy of Sciences, and the Nuclear Waste

11 Technical Review Board.

12 Based upon our oversight of DOE, and the work

13 done by other scientific organizations, we can only

14 conclude that the site is suitable and licensable, and

15 a repository will be constructed. This forms the basis

16 for Esmeralda County's position that the Department

17 must aggressively begin the process of impact

18 mitigation, and the development of agreements which

19 address the safety concerns for Nevadans. In addition,
20 the federal government should develop plans to provide,
21 and I say significant compensation to Nevadans to
22 offset the fundamental inequities of the Yucca Mountain
23 Project. Thank you.

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